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NORTHEAST GOVERNMENT CONTINUES
DRIVE FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION

RECRUITS WORKERS FOR INDUSTRY -- Hangchow Chekiang Jih-pao, 1 Jun 50

The Ministry of Industry of the Northeast People's government recently dispatched teams for recruiting technical workers to various areas of China to enlist skilled workers in building up Northeast industry.

One such unit went to Shanghai and signed up about 3,000 technical workers, some 800 of whom have already left to work in the Northeast. On 29 May, the same unit went to Hangchow to recruit skilled workers from among the unemployed there.

Any skilled worker, 18 to 45 years old, can apply. Those skilled in iron-work, machinery, electrical equipment, and papermaking are especially preferred. The age limit does not apply to outstanding experts in certain fields. Each applicant must pass written and oral examinations.

Transportation, lodging, food, and medical service will be given free en-route to the Northeast. Dependents will not be allowed to accompany the workers but may be called for later. In the meantime, workers can ask for a loan of 300 catties of rice to provide for their dependents during their absence. When the dependents are ready to be called, the Ministry of Industry, Northeast People's government will help provide the transportation fees.

NO UNEMPLOYMENT SAYS CH'ENG CHUNG -- Nanking Hsin-hua Jih-pao, 25 May 50

Industry in Northeast China is expanding rapidly. There are no unemployment problems. Instead, 200,000 workers are being recruited from elsewhere. The 1950 volume of production is expected to increase by 193 percent over that of 1949.

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Each heavy industry worker averages a monthly wage of 150 kung-fen (one kung-fen equals 2.55 catties of millet, equivalent to one day's ration for each person). Wages in heavy industry are 300 percent higher than those of 1946. Each light industry worker averages 120 kung-fen per month, an increase of 200 percent as compared with 1946.

In Mukden alone, the number of privately owned factories increased 23 percent during June - December 1949 and the number of workers increased by 18 percent during the same period.

RECRUITS HIGHER SCHOOL GRADUATES -- Shanghai Chieh-fang Jih-pao, 8 May 50

At the invitation of the Northeast People's government, which is promoting the development of industry in Northeast China, 21 graduates of the Department of Papermaking and seven graduates of the Department of Brewing of the Sungkiang Higher Applied Sciences Trade School will leave Sungkiang on 10 May 1950 to go north to work.

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